



The Pensioner: *Looking Forward*

Welcome to the digital MPERS newsletter! *The Pensioner: Looking Forward* contains news, updates, and important information for active employees of the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MPERS.

No Oops About It, We Did It Again! MPERS Receives Award for 19th Consecutive Year

(Chicago, Illinois)—Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Missouri Department of Transportation & Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2023

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Check out the award-winning report below!

MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023



Missouri Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System
A Component Unit of the State of Missouri

MPERS FYI Receives Award for Outstanding Achievement



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Executive Director/CEO

(Chicago, Illinois)—Government Finance Officers Association is pleased to announce that Missouri Dept. of Transportation & Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System has received GFOA's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR Award) for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The Award represents a significant achievement by the entity. In order to be eligible for the PAFR Award, a government must also submit its annual comprehensive financial report to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program and receive the Certificate for the current fiscal year. Each eligible report is reviewed by judges who evaluate the report based on the following categories: reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity and other elements.

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Read the award-winning *MPERS FYI* below!

MoDOT & Patrol Employees' Retirement System

MPERS FYI

Popular Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023



Security for a Lifetime



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Making Sweet Gains: Investment Portfolio Continues To Exceed Expectations

The MPERS investment portfolio is at an all-time high, crossing \$3.6 billion for the first time in System history. The Fiscal Year 2024 return is on track to surpass return expectations. The August newsletter will provide a more complete investment update with fiscal-year-end information.

If you would like more information, you can visit the [investment section of our website](#), which includes quarterly investment updates provided by MPERS' Chief Investment Officer, Larry Krummen.

Educational Opportunities



Pre-Retirement Seminar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan Members

Tuesday, July 9
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 2

MoDOT Central District Office
1511 Missouri Blvd, DW Muri Room
Jefferson City, MO 65102

[Register](#)



Pre-Retirement Seminar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan Members

Wednesday, July 17
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 9

MSHP Troop C Headquarters (St. Louis)
891 Technology Drive
Weldon Springs, MO 63304

[Register](#)



Pre-Retirement Seminar for Closed Plan and Year 2000 Plan Members

Wednesday, July 24
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 16

OR

Thursday, July 25
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: July 17

MoDOT SE District Office
2675 N Main St
Sikeston, MO 63801

Register



MPERS has joined forces with MoDOT and the Patrol to offer one-on-one counseling sessions in conjunction with our pre-retirement seminars at several locations throughout the state. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the HR representative listed next to the location. This is not a complete list for the year; more sessions will be added and included in future newsletters.

July

St. Louis-contact Janis Leesmann at (636) 300-2800 x3333 or Janis.Leesmann@mshp.dps.mo.gov

Sikeston-contact Kristy Pettit at (573) 472-5363 or Kristy.Pettit@modot.mo.gov

August

St. Joseph-contact Kathy Tripp at (816) 387-2457 or Kathy.Tripp@modot.mo.gov

Employee Appreciation Week at MPERS

June 10-14 marked employee appreciation week at MPERS. Monday, the festivities commenced with

breakfast provided by the executive staff and continued throughout the week with quick rounds of trivia, refreshing ice cream, and concluded on Friday with a picnic at Binder Park.



Retirement Deadlines

Intended Date of Retirement	Step 1 <i>Notice of Retirement</i> Due at MPERS	Step 2 <i>Retirement Election Form</i> Due at MPERS
January 1	September 1-November 30	December 31
February 1	October 1-December 31	January 31
March 1	November 1-January 31	February 28
April 1	December 1-February 28	March 31
May 1	January 1-March 31	April 30
June 1	February 1-April 30	May 31
July 1	March 1-May 31	June 30
August 1	April 1-June 30	July 31
September 1	May 1-July 31	August 31
October 1	June 1-August 31	September 30
November 1	July 1-September 30	October 31
December 1	August 1-October 31	November 30

July Events

- 4 - Independence Day holiday, office closed
- 9 - Pre-Retirement seminar Jefferson City for Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 17 - Pre-Retirement seminar in St. Louis Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 24 - Pre-Retirement seminar in Sikeston Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 25 - Pre-Retirement seminar in Sikeston Closed Plan/Year 2000 Plan members, [register here](#)
- 31 - Deadline to submit step 1 -*Notice of Retirement* for September 1 retirement



We value your feedback!

What would you like to see in ***The Pensioner: Looking Forward?***

Send comments and suggestions to Julie.West@mpers.org.